

OFFICE OF THE
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
— of the —
WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

RAND-McNALLY BUILDING,

Chicago, May 8, 1893.

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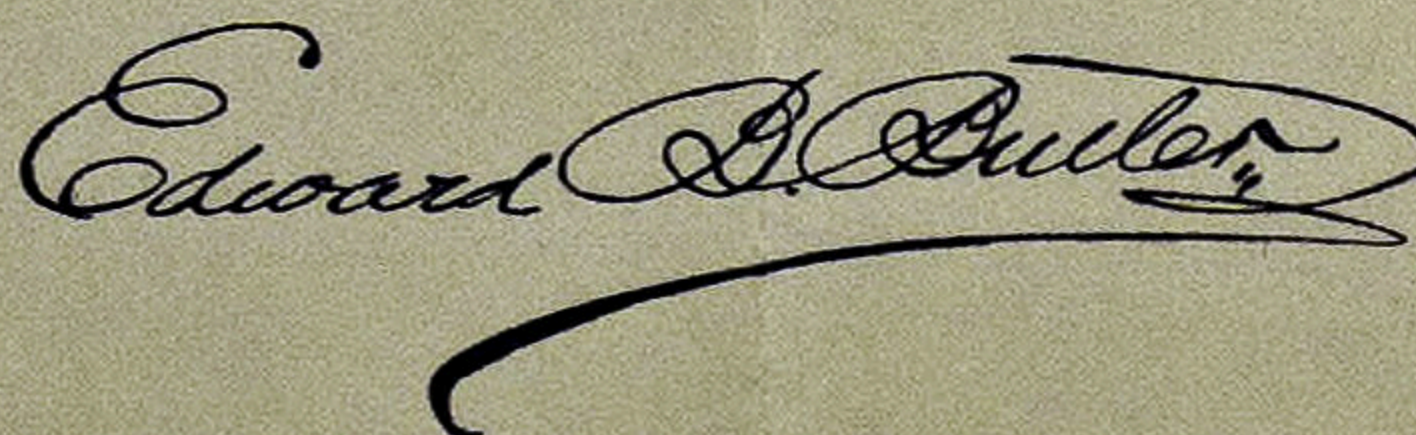
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